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My dear friend

About 20 days ago I received a letter from your son who is at Newport which gave us great pleasure. as he stated that he should be in Roxbury in a week from that time. but altho mrs Hunn has been looking so steadily as to so affect her eyes that she is obliged to get a new pair of glasses - yet William does not yet appear - I therefore presume he has returned home and deprived us of the promised pleasure I shall write him on the disappointment and he may be assured I shall claim heavy damages. since he has a mind to leave friends he forgets how much his friends set by him. pray tell him that he must not wholly forsake them that will never forget him — I was very sorry that my friend Lemist could not have time either in New York to come and see you and your Grounds. and he regrets it as much. he is a Gentleman that you would be pleased with: we have spent this Summer altogether in Roxbury and have got our Garden here in fine order I have erected a very handsome and convenient Green house - every one says for the size that is none equal to it

it is 20 feet long and 17 feet wide - directly under my Parlour windows - I am now putting in my plants and as I intend to keep none but the best I think it will be as much as I can do to fill it - but I have a number of the sage of Mexico cultivated from those you was so good as to send me - all of which are in full flower they help to fill up and make a grand show - my Japonicas look as well as I can wish them as also the Chrysanthemum and Dahlias - all of which with many more call upon me every time I look in the Garden to remember with gratitude the donor - about a week ago we had a tremendous storm here which did us much damage amongst our Peach Trees I had the best assortment of Fruit and the handsomest Trees in the quarter - they were some of your best Lemon Clingstone - Heath Old Newington &c - and so loaded that I was obliged to pluck some to keep the limbs from breaking - but the storm has destroyed all but three Trees and they are split so much to pieces that I much fear whether I shall ever get any more fruit from them - the whole neighbourhood shared the same fate - I must therefore beg you to send me this fall the following Trees - and let them be those that feather low for I am determined not to let my Trees get so high again -

2 Early Anne
2 Lemon Clingstone
2 Heath -
2 Early Ravenesses
2 Old Newington -
2 - Malacatoons.

} Peaches

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determined to make you a visit this summer but was disapointed by the bad conduct of pretended friends - it falls very heavy upon me just now but I trust I shall be able to surmount every trial - altho I must loose a large portion of my hard earnt property - but if life and health is spared us next summer we are determined to see Illustrious and those who are enjoying that land of promise —— I wish you could have been here this fall as Grapes your favourite fruit has been as plenty as Apples and very fine - You know we have a very fine Garden at Rosebery which abounds in Grapes and Strawberries - and those Roseberry Strawberries which your goodness bestowed now covers a square of more than 25 feet - looking as well as I can wish - I think I never wanted to see you on some of your family so much before as I do now and have this fall - I hope yet that in the course of the winter we may be gratified - I rejoice to find that you are a Grandfather - and that your Son is made so happy - I think he must now be convinced that what I have often told him is true - which is that there is a peculiar favourite of Heaven - which I sincerely hope is the case with the whole family - as soon as I get my matters arranged and my mind quieted down a little I will write you a longer Letter in the mean time Mrs Hunnewell desires her best regards to you and yours - in which I sincerely and heartily join Jon Hunnewell

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